

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 14-56 are pending in this application.

Claims 14-21 are rejected.

Claims 23-34 are allowed

Claims 1-22 and 35-56 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Drawing Objections

The Office Action objected to drawing Fig. 7 stating that element 80 needed to be changed to read 88. Applicant has reviewed the drawings and respectfully submits a replacement Fig. 7 wherein label 80 is now 88. Applicant submits that the replacement drawing for Fig. 7 introduces no new matter and support can be found throughout the application.

Allowable Matter

Applicant kindly thanks Examiner Shafer for indicating that claims 23-34 are allowed. In order to advance prosecution and without admitting or denying the patentability of the rejected claims Applicant has cancelled all other claims in the present case for the purpose of moving this case to issue. Allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above amendments and remarks claims 23-34 are allowable. Therefore Applicant submits that the pending claims are

now properly allowable, which allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 364-4300 if any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 7. This sheet, which includes Figs. 6, 7 and 8, replaces the original sheet that included Figs. 6, 7 and 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet